

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 pm
Room: 172

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

SB 34, SB 78, SB 98, SB 215

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

HB 269 - P HB 273 - P SB 74 - BCAA _____

COMMENTS:



REP. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Roll Call

Local Government Committee

DATE: 2/3/2009

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
Vice Chair MacLaren	X	
Vice Chair Hands	X	
Representative Becker	X	
Representative Bennett		X
Representative Berry	X	
Representative Driscoll		X
Representative Ebinger	X	
Representative Grinde		X
Representative Hamilton		X
Representative Ingraham	X	
Representative Menahan	X	
Representative More	X	
Representative Reichner	X	
Representative Reinhart	X	
Representative Sands	X	
Representative Stahl	X	
Representative Vance	X	
Chairman Arntzen	X	



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Local Government** recommend that **Senate Bill 74** (third reading copy – blue) **be concurred in as amended.**

Signed: 

Representative Elsie Arntzen, Chair

To be carried by Representative Elsie Arntzen

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 22.

Following: "~~appropriate~~"

Insert: "and other appropriate"

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 18, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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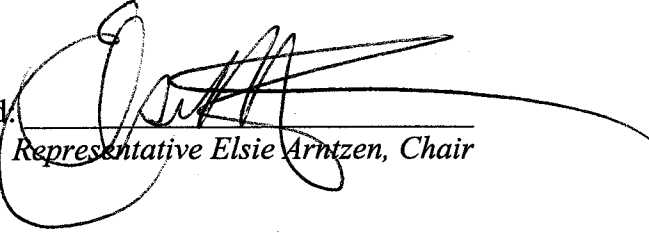
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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Local Government** recommend that **House Bill 273** (first reading copy – white) **do pass**.

Signed.


Representative Elsie Arntzen, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 18, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ☐

HB0273001SC.hjd



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Local Government** recommend that **House Bill 269** (first reading copy – white) **do pass**.

Signed:


Representative Elsie Arntzen, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 17, No 1

Fiscal Note Required ☐

HB0269001SC.hjd

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the Local Govt

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

V. Chain Gary W. [Signature]

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

HB 269	✓	
HB 273	✓	
SB 74 AMEND	✓	
SB 74 AS AMEND	✓	

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

Rep. G. Bennett
(Signature)

Date 2.3.09

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

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Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Betsy Hand's

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

HB 269	X	
HB 273	X	
SB 7102 alt	X	
# SB 74	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

Rep. Wanda Grunle
(Signature)

Date 2/03/09

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Betsy Hands

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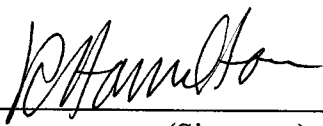
BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 269	X	
HB 273	X	
SB 74	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

Rep. 
(Signature)

Date 2/03/09

**AUTHORIZED
COMMITTEE PROXY**

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BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

HB 269	X	
HB 273	X	
SB 74	X	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

Rep.

Robyn Driscoll
(Signature)

Date

2/03/09

Date 2/3/09

Bill No. SB 34

Sponsor(s) Sen Lewis

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Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register

Local Government

Date 2/3/09

Bill No. SB 78 Sponsor(s) Sen. Brenden

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Jeff TIBERI	MACD	X		
Gary Amstutz	Richland County Economic Development	✓		
Harold Blathis	MACD	X		
Hinda Stael	Missoula County	✓		
Mike McGinty	Beaverhead Co	X		

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Date 2/3/09

Bill No. SB 98 Sponsor(s) Sen. Keane

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Bob Harrington	DNR			x
Robert Lee John	ATL-CIO	X		
HAROLD BLATTIE	MAG	X		
Cliff Stoll	Missoula County	✓		
Mike McGinley	Beaverhead Co.	✓		
Ja 902 Todhunter	MLA	X		
ELLEN SIMPSON	MWPA	X		

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Local Government

Date 2/3/09

Bill No. SB 215 Sponsor(s) Sen. Steinbeisser

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Gary Amestoy	Redland County Economic Development	✓		
Harold Blatter	MAC	✓		
Larry Fasbender	DOJ	✓		
Mike McOmby	Beaverhead Co	X		
Tim Ahrens	McIntosh Attorneys Assoc	✓		

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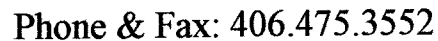
Transcript Exert From Gallatin County Commissioners' Hearing – 09/05/2007

Regarding County Attorney advice on setting fees in a Fire Service Area (per request during Q&A on HB336)

Commissioner Murdock: Mr. Chair, I have the same observation that we had on a previous agenda item. To me it becomes a question, and again I am not looking for a cope out, so much as an answer, if we have discretion or not in fire service areas when we set their rate. And Kate I need your help. I need your guidance.

Asst County Attorney Kate Dinwiddie: As [deputy county attorney] Chris Gray stated to you last week when we dealt with Clarkston Fire Service Area, you deal with the schedule of rates, but the fee and the budgets are set by the board of trustees. That is where the public process occurs, that's where people can show up and voice their concerns about the rate increase and or whatever there may be lack of service your questions about what happens when the districts are on other calls in other districts. But that is really a board of trustees decision, not the county commissioners' decision.

Commissioner Murdock: That helps, thank you. Mr. Chair, I move that we approve, I don't even like to use those words in the motion, that we acknowledge, we accept what has already given by law by the board. Which is a resolution to amend the Rae Fire Service Area per unit fees.



(iii) **responses to fire and emergency incidents by the district alone and mutual aid responses:**

The Fire District's response to fire and emergency incidents is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies. The Fire District's response to fire and emergency incidents is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies. The Fire District's response to fire and emergency incidents is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(iv) **service calls and false alarms:**

The Fire District's response to service calls and false alarms is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(v) **severe weather incidents:**

The Fire District's response to severe weather incidents is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(vi) **subdivision plan reviews:**

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(vii) **fire safety inspections:** The Fire District's response to fire safety inspections is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(viii) **community education for fire district residents:**

The Fire District's response to community education for fire district residents is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies. The Fire District's response to community education for fire district residents is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(ix) **operations and fire district risk management and analysis for staff, equipment, and facilities:**

The Fire District's response to operations and fire district risk management and analysis for staff, equipment, and facilities is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(x) **equipment demonstrations:** The Fire District's response to equipment demonstrations is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

(xi) **firefighter, emergency medical technician, and specialty training:** The Fire District's response to firefighter, emergency medical technician, and specialty training is required to be with the minimum level of service that is necessary to protect the community against the various types of emergencies.

- As you can see from the above items, we are filing information with multiple County and State agencies already. Just because one County Commissioner in Gallatin County has a grudge with the fire departments in his county, we should NOT all have to suffer. Our local fire departments are run by volunteers that want to help people, not do paperwork. We have an important mission and losing more volunteers by requiring them to battle the paper blizzard is not going to be productive.

Sincerely,
TRI-LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert J. Drake, Administrator

STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A1

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008 (or _____, 20____)
 (End of fiscal year if other than June 30)

This annual financial report form should be completed and submitted to the Montana Department of Administration within 6 months of your fiscal year end. For example, if your local government entity operates on a fiscal year that ends June 30, the report is due by December 31, 2008. A monetary penalty may be assessed if the report is not received by the due date. This report should be mailed to the following address:

Montana Department of Administration
 Local Government Services Bureau
 301 S. Park Ave. - Room 340
 P.O. Box 200547
 Helena, MT 59620-0547

Mailed
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If you have any questions regarding completion of this report form, or require assistance in filling it out, please call the Local Government Services Bureau at 841-2909. Please ensure that this page is part of your annual financial report, as it identifies your local government and provides us with any mailing address changes and the name of a contact person in case there are questions. If you need additional forms you can also access them from our web site at <http://doa.mt.gov/lgsb/>. Click on Accounting and Management Systems Program – Forms, Publications and Downloads – 04 Annual Financial Reports-Special Purpose Districts file.

282502
 TRI-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA
 3200 SPOKANE CREEK RD
 EAST HELENA, MT 59635

If the local government entity name or mailing address on the label to the left is inaccurate, please note corrections below. The mailing address should represent the official, permanent, mailing address of the district, not of an individual.

Name of Entity:

(1) _____

Mailing Address:
 (2) _____

(3) _____, MT 59 _____

Please list the name and telephone number of a contact person for the local government entity:

(4) Name: Robert J. Drake
 (5) Title or Position with Entity: Administrator
 (6) Telephone Number: 406.475.3552, 406.431.3600

FOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY

Received:

Initial/Date

Systems: Rec'd date entered – Oracle/Excel		Comments:
Financial data entered - Oracle		
Routed to Systems staff for completion		
Audit Review: Routed to Audit Review		
Financial data entered		
Official File Date		

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
(USE ACTUAL AMOUNTS NOT BUDGET AMOUNTS)

ENTITY NAME: Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008, (or _____, 20____)
(End of fiscal year if other than June 30)

ACCOUNT NUMBER		ACTUAL AMOUNT
(1)	Cash Balance (or Fund Balance) at Beginning of Fiscal year* *(Note: Should equal ending balance reported last fiscal year) (If cash balance, include cash with County Treasurer, checking accounts, savings accounts, CD's, money market accounts, reserve accounts, investments, etc.)	\$ <u>73,824</u>
	<u>Cash Receipts (or Revenues)</u>	
(2)	310000 Taxes/Assessments (May have to be obtained from County Treasurer's reports)	\$ <u>253,263.38</u>
(3)	320000 Licenses and Permits (Fees from any licenses or permits your entity issues)	<u> </u>
	<u>Intergovernmental Revenue</u>	
(4)	(a) 333000 Federal: (List all grants received from Federal agencies) <u>FEMA GRANT</u>	<u>53,461.00</u>
	(b) 334000 State: (List all grants received from State agencies)	<u> </u>
	(c) Other: (List)	<u> </u>
(5)	340000 Charges for Services (Fees your entity charges for services)	<u>14,506.00</u>
(6)	371000 Investment and Royalty Earnings (Interest your entity receives from any money on deposit with the County Treasurer, bank accounts, CD's, money market accounts, etc.)	<u>2683.12</u>
(7)	360000 Miscellaneous Revenues (Other revenues not identified above)	<u>7,868.50</u>
(8)	Total Cash Receipts (or Revenues) for Fiscal Year (Total Lines 2 through 7)	\$ <u>331,782.00</u>
	<u>Cash Disbursements (or Expenditures)</u>	
(9)	Current (All disbursements or expenditures other than capital outlay or debt service)	\$ <u>210,126.26</u>
(10)	Capital Outlay (Money spent for equipment, land, buildings, improvements, etc.)	<u>65,233.08</u>
(11)	Debt Service (Principal and interest payments on bonds, loans, other debt)	<u>32,805.56</u>
(12)	Total Cash Disbursements (or Expenditures) for Fiscal Year (Total Lines 9, 10, and 11)	\$ <u>308,164.90</u>
	<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	
(13)	381070 Proceeds from long-term debt (Money received from bond issues, loans, etc.)	\$ <u> </u>
(14)	382010 Sale of Assets (Money received from the sale of equipment, etc.)	<u>5,000.00</u>
(15)	383000 Transfers in (Money transferred in from another fund of the entity)	<u> </u>
(16)	521000 Transfers out (Money transferred out to another fund of the entity)	<u> </u>
(17)	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) (Total of Lines 13 through 16)	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
(18)	Cash Balance (or Fund Balance) at End of Fiscal Year (If cash balance, include cash with County Treasurer, checking accounts, savings Accounts, CD's, money market accounts, reserve accounts, investments, etc.)	\$ <u>101,941.10</u>

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2008, (or _____, 20____)
(End of fiscal year if other than June 30)

Schedule of Assets and Liabilities

ACCOUNT			
NUMBER	Assets		
(1) 101000	Cash and Investments Held in Custody of County Treasurer		\$ <u>101941.10</u>
(2) 101000	Cash and Investments Held by or in the Name of the Local Government Entity (Not held by County Treasurer. This amount may include checking accounts, savings accounts, CD's, money market accounts, reserve accounts, investments, etc.)		\$ _____
* (3) 110000	Taxes/Assessments Receivable		\$ <u>28089.90</u>
* (4) 122000	Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables		\$ _____
* (5) 132000	Due from Other Governments		\$ _____
* (6) 151100	Inventories of Materials and Supplies		\$ _____
* (7) 180000	Fixed Assets (value of fixed assets at cost net of accumulated depreciation)		\$ <u>798085.42</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
(8) 201100	Warrants Payable (if local government issues warrants drawn on the county treasurer)		\$ _____
* (9) 210000	Other Short-Term Payables		\$ <u>8169.43</u>
* (10) 212000	Due to Other Governments		\$ _____
(11) 231100	General-Obligation Bonds Payable		\$ _____
(12) 231300	Revenue Bonds Payable		\$ _____
(13) 230000	Special Assessment Bonds Payable		\$ _____
(14) 235400	Other Long-Term Debt Payable (loans, contracts, capital leases, etc.)		\$ <u>82871.59</u>

*Note to Local Government

Complete items marked with an asterisk (*) only if the asset or liability is recorded in your financial records.

FEDERAL LOANS (NOT GRANTS)

During the above fiscal year, did your local government entity receive any LOANS of federal money, either directly from a federal agency or indirectly through the state or another local government entity?

Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes", what was the name of the program under which you received the loan and the amount of the loan proceeds received during the fiscal year?

Program Name: _____

Amount of Loan Proceeds Received During Year - \$ _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

During the fiscal year, how much in total did your local government expend in federal awards (federal money expended?)

\$ 53,441.00

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information provided in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Robert J. Drah

Date 12/24/08

Title Administrator

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Wayne E. Hintz, CPA
1215 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601

Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department
Audited Financial Statements

Prepared by
Wayne E. Hintz
Certified Public Accountant

June 30, 2007

TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2007

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December 14, 2007

To the Board of Trustees
Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department
East Helena, Montana

I have audited the financial statements of the government activities of the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, East Helena, Montana as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities of the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department as of June 30, 2007 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 14, 2007 on my consideration of the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

The Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department has not presented a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Investments	\$ 73,824
Fire service assessments receivable	20,514
Total current assets	<u>94,338</u>

Capital Assets

	1,216,186
Less accumulated depreciation	(391,610)
Capital assets - net	<u>824,576</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 918,914</u></u>
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 21,760
Notes payable - current portion	28,442
Total current liabilities	<u>50,202</u>

Long-term Liabilities:

Notes payable	<u>82,872</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>133,074</u>
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NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	713,262
Unrestricted net assets	72,578
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 785,840</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
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TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENT FUNDS
June 30, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 73,824
Fire service assessments receivable	20,514
Total Assets	<u>\$ 94,338</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 15,805
Accrued expenses	5,955
Deferred fire service assessments	20,514
Total Liabilities	<u>42,274</u>

FUND BALANCES

Unreserved	52,064
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 94,338</u>

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Fund balance reported above		52,064
Add capital assets not reported above	1,216,186	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(391,610)</u>	824,576
Less liabilities not reported above - notes payable		(111,314)
Add fire service assessments deferred above, not deferred on the statement of net assets		<u>20,514</u>
Net assets		<u>\$ 785,840</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
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TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
RECONCILIATION OF THE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Change in fund balance reported on the government fund statement	\$ (113,123)
Increase in fire service assessments receivable reported on the statement of activity but not included in revenue on the government fund statement	1,876
Loss on Capital Assets	(577)
Expenses reported on the statement of activity not included on the government fund statement:	
Depreciation expense	(85,501)
Expenditures reported on the government fund statement not included on the statement of activity:	
Capital outlays	164,867
Principal payments on debt	27,290
Change in net assets	<u><u>\$ (5,168)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
Tri Lakes Volunteer Fire Department 7

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

C. Specific Accounting Policies

Cash – Cash is deposited with the Lewis and Clark County Treasurer and is pooled and invested by the County. Information about the pooled investments is included in the County's annual financial statements. State law permits investment of Department funds in insured savings or time deposits, bank repurchase agreements, direct obligations of the U.S. Government, and the State's unified investment program. It is not practical for the Department to determine the insurance coverage, collateral, or investment risk for its share of these pooled investments.

Inventories – Inventories of fuel and miscellaneous supplies are not significant and are expensed when purchased.

Depreciation – Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals. Acquisitions with a cost of \$2,500 or more are recorded as capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives.

Buildings and improvements	30 years
Vehicles	10 - 15 years
Equipment	7 - 10 years

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash was composed of \$73,824 held by Lewis and Clark County.

3. REVENUES/RECEIVABLES

Fire service fee assessments are included with real property taxes billed in October and are payable in equal installments on November 30 and the following May 31. Fees on personal property (mobile homes) are billed in April and are due thirty days after billing. Assessments are collected by the County Treasurer. Delinquent assessments receivable at June 30 are included in current assets. Estimated uncollectible assessments are insignificant and so no allowance for uncollectibles is maintained.

Water supply development fees are deposited with the County Treasurer when an application for development of a lot is filed with the county planning department. These fees are recorded as received.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets follows:

TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
BUDGET VS ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Fire service fee assessments	\$ 220,000	\$ 233,613	\$ 13,613
Water supply development fees	15,000	14,300	(700)
Investment earnings	2,350	4,789	2,439
Grants	-	7,012	7,012
Donations	500	8,895	8,395
Other	-	4,155	4,155
Total Revenues	<u>237,850</u>	<u>272,764</u>	<u>34,914</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Personnel	65,000	61,892	3,108
Operations	64,000	69,779	(5,779)
Maintenance	32,500	32,453	47
Utilities	7,000	7,363	(363)
Insurance	18,000	16,365	1,635
Capital outlay	104,363	164,867	(60,504)
Debt service	33,584	33,168	416
Total Expenditures	<u>324,447</u>	<u>385,887</u>	<u>(61,440)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (86,597)</u>	<u>\$ (113,123)</u>	<u>\$ (26,526)</u>

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS***

December 14, 2007

Board of Trustees
Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department
East Helena, Montana

I have audited the financial statements of the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, East Helena, Montana as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued my report thereon dated December 14, 2007. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Prior Audit Finding:

- 06-01 The Department had funds on deposit in a private money market mutual fund. State law (MCA 20-9-213, and 17-6-204) allows investments in savings or time deposits in a state or national bank, building or loan association, or credit union insured by the FDIC or NCUA located in the state; repurchase agreements; and the State Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP). MCA 7-6-202 allows investments in certain direct obligations of the U. S. government.

The funds were transferred to the County Treasurer in September, 2006.

As the funds were transferred in September, 2006, this finding no longer applies.



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Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department
Board of Trustees
3200 Spokane Creek Road
East Helena, Mt 59635

Trustee Meeting Agenda
January 6, 2009

• **Minutes from previous meeting:**

- Bonnie Jones

• **Treasurer's report:**

- Susan Beale-Spencer & Bob Drake

• **Old business:**

- Fold-a-tank mount for 6825 - \$1,000 - done - spent \$210.00 so far
- FireWise Day - December 11 went very well, FireWise 2008 renewal turned in.
- Montana Fire Chief's Association - update
- Regional Grant - Training trailer \$450,000 has been obtained for L&C and Cascade Counties. Matching funds. We will have to contribute something
- Awards banquet update
- Website discussions

• **New business:**

Incident Reviews:

- Review unusual Medical & Fire incidents. - Bob Drake & Nathan Bartow

Equipment:

- Repairs required:

• **Purchases necessary:**

- ✓ • Cell phone/laptop booster for Station 3 - Bid will be here on Tuesday
- ✓ • Stethoscopes for first responders
- Beginning discussion on one hydraulic tool request

General:

- Subdivision Updates - Bob Drake
- Appointment of new members, if any. - Casey Hutchinson, Brian Larson, and Jeff Thomas.
- Current Personnel Issues
- Grant award for Stabilization kits, cribbing kit, and FF1 and FF2 training
- Fire Council update

Other New Business Not Listed:

- ?



Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

3200 Spokane Creek Road
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TREASURER'S REPORT

January 6, 2009

FIRST BANK SUMMARY

Beginning Balance: December 2, 2008 \$ 7,495.54

Total Expenses/Payments \$ (13,793.93)

Deposits \$ 101,970.03

Available Balance: January 6, 2009 \$ 95,671.64

UPCOMING EXPENSES

EXPECTED REVENUE

Real property not collected for fiscal year \$158,104.90

Mobil Homes (estimated) \$ 15,000.00

Total expected remainder of year \$173,104.90

LOAN PAYMENT INFO:

LOAN#	ENDS	PROJECT	BALANCE	semi-annual	annual
'0768-01	2/15/11	96 Pump	\$ 43,479.35	9,200.36	
'0768-02	2/15/11	96pu, 70 tend	\$ 12,316.22	2,604.03	
'0768-03	2/15/11	Eng2, 3	\$ 6,070.90	1,324.33	
'1083-01	8/15/09	New 6811	\$ <u>6,327.91</u>	<u>3,299.90</u>	
Interest rate for next payment: 4.25 %			\$ 68,194.38	16,428.62	32,857.24

WATER DEVELOPMENT

Beginning Balance: (\$78,066.53)

Add fees collected: \$0.00

Money spent: (\$0.00)

Ending Balance: (\$78,066.53)

Last County Statement received: 12/15/08

Reserve Amount: \$20,000.00

TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

December 3, 2008 through January 6, 2009 AND July 1, 2008 through January 6, 2009

	Dec 3, '08 - Jan 6, 09	Jul 1, '08 - Jan 6, 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income					
50 · Fire Service Fees	101,865.77	91,183.18	242,524.00	-151,340.82	37.6%
51 · Reimbursement	0.00	688.06	0.00	688.06	100.0%
52 · Loan Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
53 · Donations	0.00	1,150.00	1,000.00	150.00	115.0%
54 · Dividends DA Davidson	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
55 · Interest Earned on County Funds	104.26	705.83	2,500.00	-1,794.17	28.23%
56 · Fire Billings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
57 · Truck Rental Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
58 · Insurance Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
59 · Water Supply Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
60 · Misc. Income	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	200.0%
61 · Grant Funds Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Income	101,970.03	95,727.07	247,024.00	-151,296.93	38.75%
Expense					
30 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
23 · Payroll Expenses	5,271.66	27,199.50	70,000.00	-42,800.50	38.86%
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
01 · Truck Maintenance	654.83	13,832.00	20,000.00	-6,168.00	69.16%
02 · Gas & Oil	415.37	6,550.45	20,000.00	-13,449.55	32.75%
03 · Electricity	151.66	883.33	2,000.00	-1,116.67	44.17%
04 · Propane	1,320.19	2,305.25	10,000.00	-7,694.75	23.05%
05 · Building Maintenance	0.00	627.00	3,000.00	-2,373.00	20.9%
06 · Insurance	0.00	12,246.86	24,000.00	-11,753.14	51.03%
07 · Repairs of Minor Equipment	320.50	399.01	2,000.00	-1,600.99	19.95%
08 · Supplies for Buildings & Trucks	545.99	7,721.10	15,000.00	-7,278.90	51.47%
09 · Radio Maintenance & Batteries	0.00	70.00	2,000.00	-1,930.00	3.5%
10 · Miscellaneous	3,485.66	6,342.25	14,000.00	-7,657.75	45.3%
11 · EMS Supplies	299.89	1,811.63	3,000.00	-1,188.37	60.39%
12 · Training Classes	125.00	403.00	4,000.00	-3,597.00	10.08%
13 · Medicals for Firepersons & EMS	0.00	189.00	1,000.00	-811.00	18.9%
14 · Phone/Communications	509.50	2,377.73	3,000.00	-622.27	79.26%
15 · Capital Outlay	0.00	2,861.38	5,524.00	-2,662.62	51.8%
16 · Loan Payment/Interest	0.00	445.11	3,300.00	-2,854.89	13.49%
17 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
18 · Water Development	0.00	770.00	0.00	770.00	100.0%
19 · PPE	522.61	427.86	5,000.00	-4,572.14	8.56%
20 · Office Supplies	143.14	486.94	2,000.00	-1,513.06	24.35%
21 · Administrative Charges	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
22 · Logistics	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
24 · Travel & Meals	48.97	286.55	2,300.00	-2,013.45	12.46%
28 · Capital Reserve -Savings Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
29 · Op. Reserve (May-Nov \$55,000)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	13,814.97	88,235.95	217,324.00	-129,088.05	40.6%
Net Income	88,155.06	7,491.12	29,700.00	-22,208.88	25.22%

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TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Transaction Detail by Account

December 3, 2008 through January 6, 2009

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
1001 - First Bank					
Deposit	12/15/2008			Deposit	101,970.03
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-1,685.61
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4043	Alice Realing		-50.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4044	Bradnberry Inc.		-61.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-606.79
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4046	Helena Fuel Supply, LLC		-108.22
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4047	LN Curtis		-244.56
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4048	Montana Propane		-279.88
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4049	Public Safety Center, Inc.		-522.61
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4051	Qwest		-145.95
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4052	TransMontaigne Product Se...		-280.60
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4053	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service	-102.17
Check	12/16/2008	4050	VOIDED	voided	
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4054	Montana Dept. of Revenue	5274233-002-WTH	-258.00
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4055	US Bank	35-2268327	-1,615.40
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-1,691.61
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4056	Action Print		-1,083.70
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-2,386.03
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4058	Helman Fire Equipment, Inc.		-75.94
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4059	Les Schwab Tire Center		-80.38
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4060	Meyer, Mark	01	-540.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4061	Montana Propane		-1,040.31
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4062	MSU Fire Services Training ...		-125.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		-151.66
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4064	Qwest		-143.61
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4065	Rick LePage		-299.89
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4066	Staples		-97.24
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4067	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service	-117.77
Check	1/6/2009	4069	VOIDED	Voided	0.00
Total 1001 - First Bank					88,176.10
2000 - Accounts Payable					
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4043	Alice Realing		50.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4043	Alice Realing		-50.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4044	Bradnberry Inc.		-61.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4044	Bradnberry Inc.		61.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		606.79
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-86.34
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-415.87
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-45.90
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-8.07
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-21.97
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4045	Drake, Bob		-28.64
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4046	Helena Fuel Supply, LLC		108.22
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4046	Helena Fuel Supply, LLC		-108.22
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4047	LN Curtis		244.56
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4047	LN Curtis		-244.56
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4048	Montana Propane		-239.88
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4048	Montana Propane		279.88
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4048	Montana Propane		-40.00
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4049	Public Safety Center, Inc.		522.61
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4049	Public Safety Center, Inc.		-522.61
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4051	Qwest		-36.15
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4051	Qwest		-75.24
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4051	Qwest		145.95
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4051	Qwest		-34.56
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4052	TransMontaigne Product Se...		-34.45
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4052	TransMontaigne Product Se...		-246.15
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4052	TransMontaigne Product Se...		280.60
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4053	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service	102.17
Bill P...	12/16/2008	4053	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service	-102.17
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4056	Action Print		-1,083.70
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4056	Action Print		1,083.70
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		2,386.03
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-28.40
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-39.99
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-152.85

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TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Transaction Detail by Account

December 3, 2008 through January 6, 2009

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-20.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-2,064.37
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-27.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4057	Drake, Bob		-53.42
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4058	Heiman Fire Equipment, Inc.		75.94
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4058	Heiman Fire Equipment, Inc.		-75.94
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4059	Les Schwab Tire Center		80.38
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4059	Les Schwab Tire Center		-80.38
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4060	Meyer, Mark	01	540.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4060	Meyer, Mark	01	-540.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4061	Montana Propane		1,040.31
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4061	Montana Propane		-205.90
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4061	Montana Propane		-246.32
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4061	Montana Propane		-588.09
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4062	MSU Fire Services Training ...		125.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4062	MSU Fire Services Training ...		-125.00
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		-62.90
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		-30.65
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		-20.24
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		151.66
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		-23.27
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4063	NorthWestern Energy		-14.60
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4064	Qwest		143.61
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4064	Qwest		-34.10
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4064	Qwest		-36.13
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4064	Qwest		-73.38
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4065	Rick LePage		-299.89
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4065	Rick LePage		299.89
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4066	Staples		-97.24
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4066	Staples		97.24
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4067	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service	-117.77
Bill P...	1/6/2009	4067	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service	117.77
Total 2000 - Accounts Payable					0.00
2100 - Payroll Liabilities					
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		0.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-435.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-151.03
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-151.03
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-35.32
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-35.32
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		0.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		-129.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		0.00
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4054	Montana Dept. of Revenue	5274233-002-WTH	258.00
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4055	US Bank	35-2268327	870.00
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4055	US Bank	35-2268327	70.64
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4055	US Bank	35-2268327	70.64
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4055	US Bank	35-2268327	302.06
Liabilit...	1/6/2009	4055	US Bank	35-2268327	302.06
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-2.19
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-429.00
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-151.03
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-151.03
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-35.32
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-35.32
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-19.49
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-129.00
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		-5.36
Total 2100 - Payroll Liabilities					-21.04
50 - Fire Service Fees					
Deposit	12/15/2008			05/2009	-101,865.77
Total 50 - Fire Service Fees					-101,865.77

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TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Transaction Detail by Account

December 3, 2008 through January 6, 2009

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
55 · Interest Earned on County Funds					
Deposit	12/15/2008			05/2009	-104.26
Total 55 · Interest Earned on County Funds					-104.26
23 · Payroll Expenses					
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		1,853.34
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		382.62
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		200.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		0.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		151.03
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		35.32
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		0.00
Paych...	12/16/2008	4042	Robert J Drake		0.00
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		2,235.96
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		200.00
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		2.19
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		151.03
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		35.32
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		19.49
Paych...	1/6/2009	4068	Robert J Drake		5.36
Total 23 · Payroll Expenses					5,271.66
01 · Truck Maintenance					
Bill	12/16/2008	030637	TransMontaigne Product Se...	Oil change 6801	34.45
Bill	1/6/2009	Decemb...	Meyer, Mark	60 truck checks	540.00
Bill	1/6/2009	226811	Les Schwab Tire Center	Chains for 6825	80.38
Check	1/6/2009	4069	VOIDED	Voided	
Total 01 · Truck Maintenance					654.83
02 · Gas & Oil					
Bill	12/16/2008	030637	TransMontaigne Product Se...	Fuel for 6801,6844,6812,6823	246.15
Bill	12/16/2008	14366	Bradnberry Inc.	Howes fuel treatment	61.00
Bill	12/16/2008	13281	Helena Fuel Supply, LLC	Station 3 gasoline	108.22
Total 02 · Gas & Oil					415.37
03 · Electricity					
Bill	1/6/2009	0001421...	NorthWestern Energy	STATION 2	23.27
Bill	1/6/2009	0001421...	NorthWestern Energy	3	62.90
Bill	1/6/2009	0001421...	NorthWestern Energy	1	14.60
Bill	1/6/2009	0001421...	NorthWestern Energy	5	30.65
Bill	1/6/2009	0001421...	NorthWestern Energy	4	20.24
Total 03 · Electricity					151.66
04 · Propane					
Bill	12/16/2008	104126	Montana Propane	Station	239.88
Bill	12/16/2008	0143599	Montana Propane	4 Tank rentals	40.00
Bill	1/6/2009	104832	Montana Propane	Station 5	246.32
Bill	1/6/2009	104968	Montana Propane	Station 2	588.09
Bill	1/6/2009	104299	Montana Propane	Station 1	205.90
Total 04 · Propane					1,320.19
07 · Repairs of Minor Equipment					
Bill	12/16/2008	8050461...	LN Curtis	Fix combi tool	244.56
Bill	1/6/2009	0752269...	Heiman Fire Equipment, Inc.	Pelican case for test trailer	75.94
Total 07 · Repairs of Minor Equipment					320.50
08 · Supplies for Buildings & Trucks					
Bill	12/16/2008	Northern	Drake, Bob	Drum Dolly	28.64
Bill	12/16/2008	COSTCO	Drake, Bob	Batteries	415.87
Bill	12/16/2008	Lakesid...	Drake, Bob	Paper towels/cups	8.07
Bill	1/6/2009	Walmart	Drake, Bob	Cleaning/Sodas	53.42
Bill	1/6/2009	Costco	Drake, Bob	Drill bit set for station 3	39.99
Total 08 · Supplies for Buildings & Trucks					545.99

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TRI-LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Transaction Detail by Account
December 3, 2008 through January 6, 2009

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
10 · Miscellaneous					
Bill	12/16/2008	149756	Alice Realing	Repair two sets of turnouts	50.00
Bill	12/16/2008	Post Offi...	Drake, Bob	Postage/stamps	86.34
Check	12/16/2008	4050	VOIDED	voided	
Bill	1/6/2009	17676	Action Print	Fall Newsletter	1,083.70
Bill	1/6/2009	All-In En...	Drake, Bob	5 Flashlights for Awards	152.85
Bill	1/6/2009	Lakesid...	Drake, Bob	Canyon Ferry Maps	20.00
Bill	1/6/2009	Clothing...	Drake, Bob	Awards Banquet Gifts	2,064.37
Bill	1/6/2009	US Post...	Drake, Bob	Postage to Send Action Training	28.40
Total 10 · Miscellaneous					3,485.66
11 · EMS Supplies					
Bill	1/6/2009	Orlysteth	Rick LePage	3 Stethoscopes	299.89
Total 11 · EMS Supplies					299.89
12 · Training Classes					
Bill	1/6/2009	629-9	MSU Fire Services Training ...	Montana Mutual Aid for Bob	125.00
Total 12 · Training Classes					125.00
14 · Phone/Communications					
Bill	12/16/2008	4062274...	Qwest	STATION 2	34.56
Bill	12/16/2008	4064753...	Qwest	STATION 5	36.15
Bill	12/16/2008	4064753...	Qwest	STATION 3	75.24
Bill	12/16/2008	0712473...	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service with internet and email	102.17
Bill	1/6/2009	0721333...	Verizon Wireless	Monthly service with internet and email	117.77
Bill	1/6/2009	4062274...	Qwest	STATION 2	34.10
Bill	1/6/2009	4064753...	Qwest	STATION 5	36.13
Bill	1/6/2009	4064753...	Qwest	STATION 3	73.38
Total 14 · Phone/Communications					509.50
19 · PPE					
Bill	12/16/2008	159223IN	Public Safety Center, Inc.	Turnout bags	522.61
Total 19 · PPE					522.61
20 · Office Supplies					
Bill	12/16/2008	Franklin ...	Drake, Bob	Daytimer refill	45.90
Bill	1/6/2009	18485	Staples	Pens/Forms/Folders	97.24
Total 20 · Office Supplies					143.14
24 · Travel & Meals					
Bill	12/16/2008	Albertso...	Drake, Bob	Cookies for FireWise Mtg	21.97
Bill	1/6/2009	Applebees	Drake, Bob	Lunch with Jerry Shepherd - FF1 Program planning	27.00
Total 24 · Travel & Meals					48.97
TOTAL					0.00

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TAG	DESCRIPTION	HOW	SERIAL # (IF AVAIL)	DATE ACQUIRED	ACTUAL COST	FISCAL 08 ADDITIONS	FISCAL 08 RETIREMENTS	6/30/2008 COST	USEFUL LIFE (YR)	DEPR. METHOD	FIRST/LAST YEAR	DEPRECIATION	EACH YEAR DEPRECIATION	6/30/2008 YEARS OF DEPRECIATION	6/30/2007 ACCUM. DEPR.	FISCAL 08 DEPRECIATION	FISCAL 08 RETIREMENTS	% ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	6/30/2007 BOOK VALUE	
East Shore Station #5 - Original Building	DONATED	NONE		7/17/1983 E	500.00			500.00	30 SL		100.00	200.00		34	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	500.00
Lakeside Station #2 - Building	DONATED	NONE		8/1/1974 E	6,000.00			6,000.00	30 SL		100.00	200.00		34	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	2,000.00
Spokey Creek Station #3 - Land	DONATED	NONE		2/28/1976 E	2,000.00			2,000.00	30 SL		100.00	200.00		31	5,800.00	100.00	-	-	6,000.00	-
Causeway Station #1 - Building	DONATED	NONE		7/1/1977 E	6,000.00			6,000.00	30 SL		350.00	700.00		19	7,000.00	-	-	-	7,000.00	-
West Shore Station #4 - Chassis	PURCHASED	NONE	486070H14776	4/1/1989 A	7,000.00			67,875.76	10 SL		1,131.26	2,262.53		14	30,544.09	-	-	-	32,066.62	35,069.14
Causeway Station #1 - Land (1 acre)	DONATED	NONE		5/4/1995 E	6,000.00			6,000.00	30 SL							-	-	-	5,000.00	-
Spokey Creek Station #3	PURCHASED	NONE		7/1/1985 E	7,000.00			7,000.00	12 SL		291.67	583.33		13	7,000.00	-	-	-	7,000.00	-
6812 1976 Ford Engine	PURCHASED	NONE	N70FPA8817	7/1/1986 A	42,868.12			42,868.12	30 SL		714.47	1,428.94		13	17,861.72	-	-	-	19,290.65	23,577.47
6822 1977 International 4x4 Tender	PURCHASED	NONE	D0622GH13894	7/1/1986 A	25,000.00			25,000.00	10 SL		1,250.00	2,500.00		12	25,000.00	-	-	-	25,000.00	-
6825 1982 AMG 6x6 Tender	PURCHASED	NONE	0828-10159	7/1/1986 A	7,086.66			7,086.66	10 SL		354.33	708.67		10	6,732.33	354.33	-	-	7,086.66	0.00
6823 1984 International Tender	PURCHASED	NONE	1H1SDPUSH87801	12/7/1999 A	48,999.85		(10,527.49)	48,999.85	15 SL		1,630.00	3,259.99		9	27,709.82	526.37	(9,474.74)	-	30,989.81	17,929.85
6815 1975 Ford Engine F850	PURCHASED	NONE		12/15/1999 A	3,400.00			3,400.00	5 SL		275.00	680.00		8	4,125.00	-	-	-	3,400.00	825.00
6814 1974 Ford Engine F750	PURCHASED	NONE	C91LUX28471	10/12/2000 A	5,500.00			5,500.00	10 SL		300.00	600.00		8	4,500.00	550.00	-	-	4,750.00	900.00
West Shore Water Supply Cistem	PURCHASED	NONE		8/31/2001 A	6,000.00			6,000.00	20 SL		300.00	700.00		7	4,550.00	700.00	-	-	5,250.00	8,750.00
6813 1996 International 4x4 Engine	PURCHASED	NONE	1H1SEAA41H723374	5/14/2002 A	188,473.53			188,473.53	15 SL		6,282.45	12,564.90		7	81,671.66	12,564.90	-	-	94,236.77	94,236.77
6833 1994 Ford F350 Brush Truck	PURCHASED	NONE	2FHKC39GRC71882	5/14/2002 A	16,325.82			16,325.82	10 SL		1,632.58	3,265.16		6	8,979.20	1,632.58	-	-	10,611.78	5,714.04
6833 1995 Ford F350 Brush Truck	PURCHASED	NONE	2FHKC39GRC71882	7/10/2002 A	27,406.19			27,406.19	10 SL		1,370.31	2,740.62		6	15,073.40	2,740.62	-	-	17,814.02	9,592.17
Panther SCSA Model 96006 SVA	PURCHASED	NONE		5/6/2003 A	6,130.38			6,130.38	5 SL		288.20	576.40		5	5,517.34	613.04	-	-	6,130.38	(0.00)
West Shore Station #4 - Land (F53 - .51 acres)	DONATED	NONE		10/2/2003 E	2,107.44			2,107.44	5 SL		613.04	1,226.08		5	-	-	-	-	-	2,107.44
East Shore Station #5 - Lot (F52 - 1.06 acres)	DONATED	NONE		10/2/2003 E	4,380.17			4,380.17	5 SL		-	-		4	6,296.50	1,799.00	-	-	8,095.50	899.50
West Shore Water Supply Lot (F51 - 2.09 acres)	DONATED	NONE		10/2/2003 E	8,636.36			8,636.36	10 SL		138.70	277.40		4	6,785.03	1,938.58	-	-	8,723.61	10,662.10
West Shore Water Supply Lot (F54 - 4.81 acres)	DONATED	NONE		10/2/2003 E	19,876.03			19,876.03	10 SL		138.70	277.40		4	6,785.03	1,938.58	-	-	8,723.61	10,662.10
ISI Surveyor VU Thermal Imager	PURCHASED	NONE	1H1SEAA41H723374	3/2/2004 A	8,990.00			8,990.00	15 SL		3,300.00	6,600.00		4	23,100.00	6,600.00	-	-	29,700.00	-
6844 1995 GMC CRU	PURCHASED	NONE	1G1GK29M0E524256	5/1/2004 A	19,385.80			19,385.80	5 SL		899.50	1,799.00		4	6,296.50	1,799.00	-	-	8,095.50	899.50
Turbo Draft	PURCHASED	NONE	99E-0123-1001	1/13/2005 A	19,385.80			19,385.80	5 SL		899.50	1,799.00		4	6,296.50	1,799.00	-	-	8,095.50	899.50
Motorola XTS2500 Radio	DONATED	NONE	407CEA0084	2/15/2005 A	2,753.90			2,753.90	10 SL		139.70	279.39		3	698.48	279.39	-	-	977.87	1,816.04
Motorola XTS2500 Radio	DONATED	NONE	407CEW0569	2/15/2005 A	2,753.90			2,753.90	10 SL		139.70	279.39		3	698.48	279.39	-	-	977.87	1,816.04
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Motorola XTS2500 Radio	DONATED	NONE	407CEW0569	2/15/2005 A	2,753.90			2,753.90	10 SL		139.70	279.39		3	698.48	279.39	-	-	977.87	1,816.04
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TAG	DESCRIPTION	HOW	SERIAL # (IF AVAILABLE)	DATE ACQUIRED	ACTUAL ESTIMATE	6/30/2007 Cost	Fiscal 08 Additions	Fiscal 08 Retirements	6/30/2008 Cost	Useful Life (y)	DEPR. METHOD	Firstlast Year Depreciation (Fiscal yr)	Each Year Depreciation	6/30/2008 Years of Depreciation	6/30/2007 ACCUM. DEPR.	Fiscal 08 Depreciation	Fiscal 08 Retirements	6/30/2007 ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	6/30/2007 BOOK VALUE	
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001007	1/28/2006 A	4,286.50					4,286.50	7.00	SL	304.89	609.79	2	914.68	609.79			1,524.46	2,744.04
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001017	1/28/2006 A	4,286.50					4,286.50	7.00	SL	304.89	609.79	2	914.68	609.79			1,524.46	2,744.04
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001020	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001012	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001011	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001008	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001006	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001009	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001003	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001002	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001003	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001019	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001021	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001005	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	130580010016	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001014	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	130580010015	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	13058001004	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	130580010010	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	130580010022	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	130580010011	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Viking DXL SCBA (with mask and 2 bottles)	PURCHASED	130580010001	1/28/2006 A	4,286.55					4,286.55	7.00	SL	304.90	609.79	2	914.69	609.79			1,524.48	2,744.07
Spokane Creek Station #3 Office	PURCHASED	NONE	6/5/2007 A	96,662.69					96,662.69	30.00	SL	1,611.04	3,222.09	1	1,611.04	3,222.09			4,833.13	91,829.56
1995 International 4x4 Tender	PURCHASED	1HTSEAARSHJ205904	6/8/2006 A	12,045.46					12,045.46	20.00	SL	301.14	602.27	2	903.41	602.27			1,505.68	10,539.78
Motorola Radio XTL 5000	PURCHASED	585CG20692	1/2/2007 A	84,819.19					84,819.19	10.00	SL	165.24	330.49	1	165.24	330.49			495.73	62,893.45
American Air Works - Compressor (1/2 Intertek)	PURCHASED	NONE	2/16/2007 A	3,004.87					3,004.87	10.00	SL	165.24	330.49	1	165.24	330.49			495.73	62,893.45
American Air Works - Dual Fil Station (1/2 Intertek)	PURCHASED	NONE	2/16/2007 A	2,337.50					2,337.50	10.00	SL	116.88	233.75	1	116.88	233.75			350.63	5,249.29
Spokane Creek Station #3 Bathroom/Well/Septic	PURCHASED	NONE	3/16/2007 A	4,907.50					4,907.50	9.00	SL	272.64	545.28	1	272.64	545.28			817.92	4,089.88
East Shore Station Water Supply	PURCHASED	NONE	3/17/2007 A	10,306.56					10,306.56	19.00	SL	271.23	542.45	1	271.23	542.45			813.68	3,926.28
West Shore Water Supply	PURCHASED	NONE	6/30/2007 A	32,662.67					32,662.67	20.00	SL	816.67	1,633.13	1	816.67	1,633.13			2,449.70	30,212.97
1970 Chevy Tender	PURCHASED	NONE	7/5/2007 A	12,594.59					12,594.59	15.00	SL	419.82	839.64	2	419.82	839.64			1,259.46	11,335.13
2008 Turnouts purchased 30 sets/28 boots/32 gloves	PURCHASED	NONE	4/17/2008 A	6,000.00					6,000.00	10.00	SL	300.00	600.00	1	300.00	600.00			300.00	5,700.00
2008 East Shore Station Water Supply Finished	PURCHASED	NONE	12/4/2007 A	57,651.76					57,651.76	10.00	SL	2,862.59	5,765.18	1	2,862.59	5,765.18			2,862.59	54,789.17
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INCIDENT REPORT

Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department



Complete all appropriate sections. Provide list of all responders and narrative on reverse side.

(Complete For All Incidents)

Date: 11/4/08	Incident #: 71	Alarm: 14:09	In Service: 14:09	On Scene: 14:28	Cleared: 15:10
Type of Situation Found: Belly pan underneath half the house burned off, flames out upon arrival					
Action Taken: Used thermal imager and heat gun to check to make sure fire not in any upstairs walls, none found, made sure bell out.				Mutual Aid: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Given <input type="checkbox"/> Received	
Responsible VFD: Tri-Lakes		Fixed Property Use: Single Family Residence		Ignition Factor: Welding torch	
Address or Location: 4000 block of Deal Lane – no address assigned – used modular being installed on new basement					Zip Code: 59602
Occupant Name: (last, first, initial) Hilger, Donald L					Phone:
Owner Name: (last, first, initial) Hilger, Donald L		Address: 4080 Deal Lane			Phone: 459-6999
Number Responders: 10	Engines Responding: 6811,6813,6812		Tenders Responding: 6822,6823,6825		Other Vehicles:

(Complete if Casualties)

# Fire Service Injuries: N/A	Nature of Fire Service Injuries:	# Other Injuries:	Nature of Other Injuries:
Narrative:			

(Complete For All Fires)

Type Complex Involved: Single family residence		Mobile Property Type: N/A
Area of Fire Origin: Basement ceiling	Equipment Involved in Ignition: Cutting Torch	
Form of Heat For Ignition: Cutting Torch	Material Ignited: Insulation and protective sheath over insulation	
Method of Extinguishing Fire: Fire Extinguisher		Estimated Loss: (Dollars Only) \$5,000

(Complete If Structure Fire)

Number of Stories: Daylight basement plus one		Construction Type: Stick from modular home	
Extent of Flame Damage: Basement insulation in ceiling		Extent of Smoke Damage: Extensive in basement, minor on main floor	
Detector Performance: None		Sprinkler Performance: N/A	
If Smoke Spread Beyond Room Of Origin	Object / Material Generating Most Smoke: N/A		Avenue of Smoke Travel: N/A
	Form of Material Generating Most Smoke: N/A		

(Complete If Mobile Property)

Year: N/A	Make:	Model	Serial #:	License #:
Cause of Ignition:		Narrative:		

Officer in Charge: Robert J. Drake	Completed by Signature:	Date:
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INCIDENT REPORT

Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

(Required Information)

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FAXED
9/8/08

9:35 am

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Community Development and Planning

City-County Building

316 North Park Avenue

Helena, MT 59623

(406) 447-8374 Fax (406) 447-8398

REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND COMMENTS

DATE: August 19, 2008

FILE: Canyon Ferry Crossing V_cmt

To:

John Mitchell, North Western Energy
Qwest Communications
Bresnan Communications
DEQ, Water Quality Division
DEQ, Subdivision Review
Mindy Guathier, NRCS
Tom Carlson, Montana FWP
State Historic Preservation Office
Martin Miller, Montana Natural Heritage
Larry Cole, US Forest Service
Tri-County Wildland Interface Fire Group

Weed District
Road Supervisor
Fire District Service Area
Public Works Director
Environmental Health Department
School District No. 1
Lewis & Clark Conservation District
Sheriff's Department
Paul Spengler
Historic Preservation Officer
Address Coordinator

From: Rebecca Shaw, Planner II

PROPOSAL: A proposed Major Subdivision, Preliminary Plat (Canyon Ferry Crossing V) creating eighteen (18) lots, each for one single-family dwelling. The existing 164.36 acre tract would be divided into eighteen (18) lots ranging in size from 2.7 acres to 28.4 acres. All lots would be served by individual wells, individual on-site wastewater treatment systems, and utilities. Access to the lots would be from an internal access road connecting to Magpie Gulch Road and on Sunset Ridge Drive. A land dedication is proposed for the parkland requirement for this proposal.

LOCATION: The subject property is in the SW1/4 of Section 1, T10N, and R1W. The subject property is located north west and adjacent to Magpie Gulch Road and north of Canyon Ferry Road. A vicinity map of the proposed land change, and the proposed subdivision preliminary plat, are attached.

Please review this information with regard to provision of services to the subdivision and/or any potential adverse or beneficial effects from development of the proposal. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS BY September 5, 2008.** A public hearing will be held by the Consolidated Planning Board on September 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena. The County Commissioners will hold a meeting on this proposal on October 7, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 330 of the City-County Building.

Please mail comments or correspondence to the County Planning Department at 316 N Park Ave., Helena MT 59623 or fax them to 447-8398. Comments can be e-mailed to: planning@co.lewis-clark.mt.us

Comment as follows:

SEE ATTACHED.

Robert J. Prater 9/8/08 Signature/Date

PHASE V

TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, P.M.M., LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA

DENOTES MOMENT FOUND - W/ RETURN W/ YELLOW PLASTIC
CAP PASSED 26 HANSON 26215 UNITS 5 OTHERS NOTED

DIAMETER 1.5" REBAR W/

DEPOTES SECTION CORNER FOUND AS NOTED

REASON FOR SURVEY

THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 36
CANYON FERRY CROSSING

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS ARE IMPOSED AND ARE ENFORCED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
DATE: [REDACTED]
BY: [REDACTED]
FOR: [REDACTED]

TRACT 3- 72-1940-0-1-01-40

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TRACTS 1 & 2, DOCUMENT NO. 308322 AND LOT 68, DOC. NO. 404

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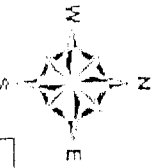
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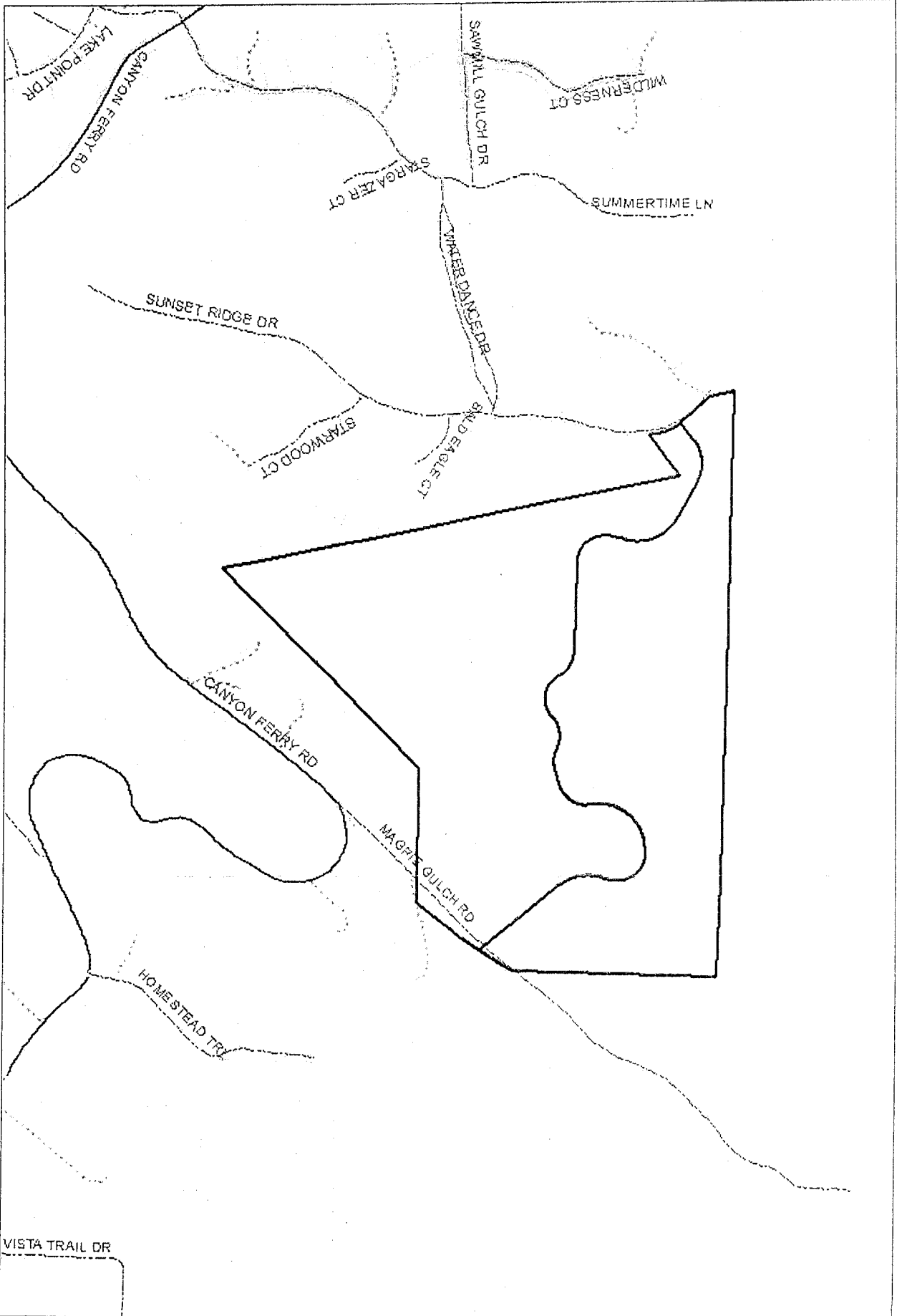
Reference	Study Design	Study Period	Study Location	Study Population	Study Size	Study Results
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Canyon Ferry Subdivision V





Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

3200 Spokane Creek Road
East Helena, MT 59635

Phone & Fax: 406.475.3552

Comments:

We have worked with the engineers and lawyers on this subdivision over the last year providing information for their application and providing data for the traffic analysis. The correspondence we have shared is attached and may be relevant to your discussions.

Our biggest concerns are access and water supply. It is very difficult to tell from the drawings just how steep and roads are going to be when completed. If the current road standards in the regulations are followed, we believe we can access this phase if the roads are plowed and sanded in the winter. We are concerned about the additional traffic load on the north part of Water Dance since it gets so rough in the one section even with current loads on it. We have had several fires and medical calls in that area and have had trouble keeping the trucks from vibrating off the road when we are hurrying and not expecting such a rough wash board section.

We have worked with local contractors to give them ideas in the best and cheapest water supply designs but we have not seen any proposals so we do not know what they have planned. We have been consistent in our desire from them to provide more than the minimum allowed water supply since the water supplies in Canyon Ferry Crossing Phases I – IV are totally inadequate with the largest one being 10,000 gallons and the rest of them being constructed from old two piece concrete septic tanks which leak down to the seam in the tank.



Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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November 15, 2007

Craig L. Hanson
Northland Engineering & Surveying
3969 Airport Road #1A
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Craig:

I have reviewed the information you sent Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department about Canyon Ferry Crossing, Phase V. The following information may be helpful in your planning and subdivision application efforts:

1. The closest fire station to the subdivision is approximately 1.5 miles from the center of your planned Phase V. The station is our East Shore Station #5 which has an address of 3798 East Shore Drive and a phone number of 475-3157. The personnel for the station are all volunteers and are notified of calls via pagers from the 911 Dispatch Center in Helena. The station contains the following equipment:
 - 6815 – 1975 Ford Engine – 1000 gpm
 - 6825 – 1970 Chevy Tender – 2000 gallons
 - 6835 – 1994 Ford 4x4 Brush – 250 gallons
2. Our average response time in the area varies greatly by time of day and day of the week. During the weekdays, the response time can be as high as 25 minutes with most of our firefighters employed in Helena which is approximately 17 miles away. At night when the firefighters are home, the response time can as low as 5 to 7 minutes. All of these times are greatly influenced by weather and road conditions.
3. The nearest creditable water supply in the area right now is the Riverside Campground below Canyon Ferry Dam. None of the water supplies previously furnished in Canyon Ferry Crossing Phases I – IV are creditable and only one actually holds water today. Based on your proposed density and ASSUMING you require at least 15 foot setbacks, the water supply required under our Subdivision Guidelines will need to produce 250 gpm for two hours using one of the following methods:
 - A. Water shall be supplied by a well and pump with required volume and minimum pressure of 20 PSI. An overhead fill may be required in order to fill tankers. The fill site must be useable year round and Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department must have legal access in perpetuity.
 - OR**
 - B. Water shall be supplied by a tank/pressurized hydrant combination. The tank may be constructed from plastic, concrete, fiberglass or other materials capable of

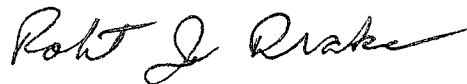
holding and maintaining the required water supply. The tank must be built and installed so as to last a minimum of 30 years. The pump must be capable of delivering the required gpm at a minimum of 20 psi from an approved fire hydrant. The system shall be inspected and certified by a Professional Engineer and approved by Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. The fill site must be useable year round and Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department must have legal access in perpetuity.

Given the types and the extreme sizes of the structures that have been built in the previous phases and the fact that the previous phases have provided NO creditable water supplies, I would encourage you to EXCEED the minimum required amount and install a water supply in the 500 gpm to 750 gpm range. Another alternative would be to upgrade one or more of the previously installed inadequate or leaking water supplies to current standards in addition to providing that required water supply in the new phase.

4. There have been several fires burn through the acreage you are developing with the most recent fire occurring in 2000. This property is typical Wildland/Urban Interface development and, as a result, fuel mitigation and other vegetation management actions are critical in improving the survivability of the houses that will be built in the subdivision. The current Subdivision Regulations have standards covering this important public safety topic.
5. Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department does not own a ladder or tower truck and, as a result, has no ability to reach victims trapped in a structure above 24 feet. We do not currently plan on adding such an apparatus due to the cost of such a truck (approximately \$750,000), the limited access ability of these types of apparatus (especially given terrain and roads in your proposed location), the ongoing maintenance costs, and the required number of trained personnel needed to man such an apparatus.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the address or phone number above or using my email address – trilakesfiredept@wildblue.net.

Sincerely,
TRI-LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Robert J. Drake, Fire Chief



Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

3200 Spokane Creek Road
East Helena, MT 59635

Phone & Fax: 406.475.3552

March 12, 2008

Craig L. Hanson
Northland Engineering & Surveying
3969 Airport Road #1A
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Craig:

I was contacted via phone by the attorney working on the Canyon Ferry Crossing Phase V subdivision and asked to update the information in my letter dated November 15, 2007.

1. A creditable water supply has been added and tested by Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department next to East Shore Station #5. The water supply produces 250 gpm for two hours. This water supply is the only creditable water supply in the area. The water supply was made possible through funding provided by money-in-lieu-of-water fees from small subdivisions in our area and grant funds. As you are aware, that funding source has been eliminated by the courts and removed from the new subdivision regulations. Water supplies paid for by Tri-Lakes in the future will be nearly impossible without that funding source.
2. I was asked to reissue my letter dated November 15, 2007 to remove my comments about the leaking and inadequate water supplies provided in Canyon Ferry Crossing Phases I-IV and my request that Phase V exceed the minimum water supply requirements due to these inadequacies. After talking with the Trustees of Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, my officers, and the Canyon Ferry Crossing Homeowners Association, I have decided not to remove the comments and reissue the letter.

Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department does not believe it is our role to comment about the desirability of any subdivision but believes our role is to comment about the adequacy of the safety provision provided by a proposed subdivision. We are simply pointing out that we are uncomfortable with our ability to protect the size of houses already being built in Phases I-IV given the lack of adequate water supplies.

If you need additional information, please contact me at the address or phone number above or using my email address – trilakesfiredept@wildblue.net.

Sincerely,
TRI-LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert J. Drake, Fire Chief

TRI-LAKES FIRE
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Fire Chief's Report

The 2008 fire season appeared, by all reports, to be fairly calm for a change. The cooler temperatures this summer helped reduce the number of fires and the severity of the fires we did have. Tri-Lakes was the Fire Coordinator for the entire county for the month of August and I can tell you, we held our breaths for five weeks. The conditions were ripe for a major fire and it just didn't happen — What a relief!!

The Fire Coordinator position in Lewis & Clark County is unique in the state and we are very proud of it. Each month the position rotates through the local fire departments that are capable and willing to staff the position for a month. The position is automatically activated if any fire department in the County asks for mutual aid for an incident. Once activated, the Fire Coordinator supports the ongoing incident AND keeps an eye on the resources available to cover other incidents throughout the County. This resource balancing is critical to ensure adequate resources are kept in each district to handle the

next call. Support for the current incident includes obtaining firefighters, EMTs, back-hoes, air bottles, sandbags, meals, portable toilets, dozers, fire trucks, foam concentrate, etc. to help the incident commander be successful. We are proud to take our turn in this position and give it with the seriousness it deserves. Jerry Shepherd, West Valley's Fire Chief, was the Fire Coordinator during our fires of 2000 and I can't imagine what it would have been like without him!!

Since starting our statistical report two years ago, the response from the public has been amazing. Everyone is genuinely surprised by our level of activity and universally thankful for the dedication of our volunteers. I believe the numbers provide a good summary of activity levels within the department. The following table shows the number of calls or sessions and the number of volunteer hours spent on each for the last three years (the 2007 hours do NOT include the 484 hours spent on fires where our firefighters were eligible for state reimbursement):

	2008	% Change	2007	% Increase	2006	2 Year % Increase
Fire calls	79	(17%)	95	58%	60	32%
Fire call hours	946	(10%)	1,050	28%	823	15%
Medical calls	102	9%	94	68%	56	82%
Medical call hours	482	25%	385	25%	308	56%
Training sessions	76	(17%)	92	46%	63	21%
Training hours	3,424	20%	2,844	15%	2,466	39%
Total hours	5,337	11%	4,797	13%	4,252	26%

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Every Week Should Be Fire Prevention Week

In 1925 President Calvin Coolidge declared the week that contains October 9 would henceforth be called Fire Prevention Week as a reminder of the importance of fire safety.

October 9, 2008, was the 137th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. That fire leveled four square miles of downtown, destroyed 17,450 buildings and took 300 lives in just 27 hours.

The day before, on October 8, 1871, one of the worst recorded wildfires in North American history raged through northeastern Wisconsin and northwestern Michigan, taking at least 1,200 lives (possibly twice that number) and destroying millions of dollars worth of property and timberland.

Although Fire Prevention Week has passed for 2008, we

feel that fire prevention should be a priority every week. Here are some easy things to do to prevent a fire in your home.

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February, and trails only cooking equipment in home fires year-round. A Red Cross/NFPA survey shows most Americans are concerned about home heating costs; many will use alternative heating sources this winter.

Research indicates that most wood heating fires involve the chimney and not the appliance itself. The majority of these fires are contained within the chimney and cause no damage to the house. You should be concerned, however, not only about the chimney fires that did ignite other parts of the house, but also about the potential future hazard from the continued use of chimneys whose struc-

tural integrity has been compromised by a chimney fire.

Now that the heating season has begun, check the chimney of your fireplace or woodstove for any damage that may have occurred in the past heating season. If it is difficult to examine the chimney, a local chimney repairman, chimney "sweep," or dealer can help. Have any damage repaired now.

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable heater.

When cleaning the stove of ashes and debris, place all removed material in a fireproof container.

Never use your oven for heating.

Cont. on page 12

The Tri-Lakes Fire Company has grown with the addition of the following new firefighters:

Levi Cahoon
Phillip Legg

Thanks for "signing on."

We must also say goodbye to Jodi and Jason Lineweaver. Jason has joined the Army and they will be moving to Texas.

Trustees' Report

We are going to add a new feature to our newsletters that discusses issues that have a direct impact on the financial side of the fire department. The five member elected Board of Trustees is charged with managing the business affairs of the department.

Just like you, we have to balance many priorities and decide how to spend the money available in the most efficient manner to meet our mission.

You have heard in the reports from the Fire Chief about the many challenges the department faces every day. We have a huge area to cover comprised of vast amount of wildland urban interface, constantly changing national standards we are measured against, aging equipment, aging volunteers, constant volunteer turnover, ever expanding training expectations, fuel prices, insurance costs, growth, ISO requirements, subdivision requirements, changing Boards of County Commissioners, water supply needs, beetle kill, droughts, dams, State and Federal agencies that create demand for our services but provide no revenue, etc., etc.

In the last two years we have faced three main financial challenges – fuel prices, workers compensation insurance costs, and propane costs. Fuel prices have a substantial impact on our budget, just like it does on yours. We have seen total fuel costs increase by over \$5,000 per year or 60%. Workers compensation insurance costs have increased by \$13,000 or 88%. Propane, used to heat all our stations, has increased \$2,700 or 78%. These three combined have increased \$20,700 over the last two years. Fees income has barely kept pace with a \$26,000 increase or 12% for the same period. Just those three categories have eaten up the majority of the revenue increase from growth.

Instead of being able to use increases in revenue from growth to improve equipment to cover the additional population, we have had to use it to cover basic costs – fuel, insurance, and propane. This trend will not allow us to replace our aging equipment or buildings.

We are constantly looking for ways to cut costs or develop alternate revenue sources so we can maintain basic service levels. Tri-Lakes has been included in the fire impact fee preliminary study. Final implementation in the County of impact fees will be determined over the next year but the change in County Commissioners in the last election could alter that plan.

We have one substantial bright spot to report and that is our hiring of a full-time administrator. Bob Drake has proven to be an outstanding addition to our organization. His business experience as a certified public accountant and his practical experience as a farm boy have combined to provide a stabilizing, energetic, supportive, and dependable force in the department. He shoulders the administrative burden so that the volunteer firefighters and EMTs can do what they do best while not having deal with the less desirable side of any organization.

Over all, the trustees feel the department has accomplished substantial improvements over the past several years and we are proud to be a part of this fine organization serving the residents of our fire district.

Mark your calendar!

Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department
will be holding our next FireWise
meeting Thursday, December 11, 2008,
at our Station #2, 5290 York Road
(across from the Lakeside Bar and Marina)
at 7:00 pm.



REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

ADDRESS NUMBER

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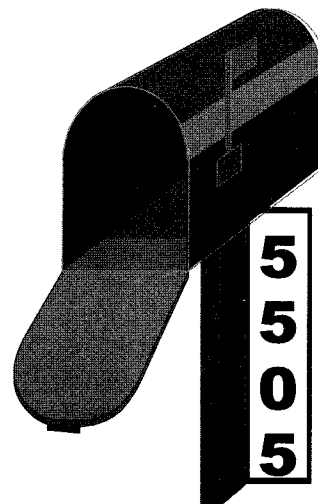
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Do You Like Where You Live?

As we previously reported, Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department became the first FireWise area in Lewis & Clark County in 2007. The question we have asked ourselves is "What now?"

We have met the requirements for becoming designated as a FireWise community but we are a long way away from being done. There are hundreds of homes in our area that have created defensible space around their homes but there are hundreds more that have done nothing. Why? We have obviously not pushed the right motivational button to get them to clean up their duff!

While attending one of the conferences on wildland urban interface earlier this year, we discussed why we haven't been able to convince people to save their own home. The answers mainly focused on money, the belief it will never happen to me, and how hard of work it is to do fuel mitigation around your home. I don't really think there is one answer that fits everyone.

In one of the sessions, a gentleman had tracked down the story behind every one of the twenty-three civilian deaths in the San Diego fires in 2003. He interviewed their friends and family to really figure out how they died and what circumstances had led them to that point in their lives. The stories were interesting, tragic, and varied. What made the father turn right at the intersection and his kids turn left and die a terrible death? The common thread to all the stories was their deaths were preventable along with the anguish their deaths caused in so many lives. We in the fire service have pushed the panic and fear buttons so many times trying to scare people into doing something to save their own houses and lives that the message is becoming dull, boring and ineffective.

In the aftermath of the Bucksnot Fire in 2000, I was asked time and again "Why didn't you let my house burn? I don't want to live here anymore! My trees, my trees! I don't want to live here anymore! Everything I loved about living here is gone." Take a moment and think about how you will feel if a fire clears the space around your house because you didn't do it. Will you still want to live there?

I know unequivocally that the problem of fires in our wildland urban interface is not gone. It is increasing every day as the fuel grows, as the beetles kill more and more trees, and as we build more houses in the trees.

Do You Like, cont. page 7



Fire Chief's Report—cont from page 1

As you can see from the numbers, my wish from last year came true. Our total calls for service in 2008 fell to 181 calls from 189 calls for 2007. The 2008 summer fire season was substantially lower key than in 2007. Medical calls have continued to increase with our increasing population and our aging population.

Your volunteers continue to excel in their knowledge and dedication. Training hours increased by 20% from the previous year all on a volunteer basis. The challenges we face as a department are taken in stride by our volunteers as they strive to gain the knowledge needed to meet our ever expanding mission. In 2008 there were four individuals that donated more than 300 hours of volunteer time each with total donated hours of 1,664 by this group, there were six individuals that donated between 200 and 300 hours each with total volunteer hours of 1,381 by this group, and nine individuals that donated between 100 and 200 hours each with total hours donated by this group of 1,317. The remaining 976 volunteer hours were donated by the other nineteen individuals. The level of professionalism they bring to every incident is magnificent. I am so proud of them!

We have talked the last few issues about our efforts to get re-evaluated from the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) that rates all the fire departments in the country. The ISO inspector FINALLY showed up on June 27th and 28th. He inspected all of our trucks, water supplies, training records, incident reports, and put us through our paces moving water. I am very confident that we will meet our goal of improving our ISO rating which should translate into lower fire insurance rates for you! Your volunteer firefighters trained for years to make this a success and they were awesome! We are scheduled to receive our new rating between Christmas and New Years. As soon as we get our new rating, we will send a postcard to all residents so you can contact your insurance agents. Keep your fingers crossed.

New subdivision activity has subsided in recent months with the financial mess and the slowing economy. We are still seeing some applications but not the volume we have seen in the past. In addition the building activity on the lots already approved has slowed. Thank goodness!

Our aging equipment continues to be a challenge. We were able to get all our pumpers to pass their annual pump tests again this year but their age is really becoming a problem. We have five pumpers, one for each station. Three of those pumpers are thirty or more years old. Re-

cently, one of them developed an oil leak on the engine and we had to have parts manufactured to keep it running. Another one has a fire pump that is no longer being manufactured and you can not get parts for it anymore. The tank on the third one leaks every time we use it. If we let it sit in the station for a few days it will slowly improve and stop leaking until we use it again. The stainless steel tank is made out of just wicks the water through the metal. None of these problems are insurmountable—they just take ever increasing amounts of money to fix them. For example, we can get parts manufactured for the obsolete pump. The last time we did a similar repair it cost over \$11,000 to fix. The truck is worth about \$5,000. The leaking tank can be lined with a rubberized material with an \$8,000 price tag for a truck worth less than \$5,000.

I am proud of the job we do with what we have available. We rely heavily on our newer trucks to make sure our attack lines for our interior crews are pulled from the more reliable trucks. We simply will not sacrifice safety for our firefighters, and at times we have to alter our approach at the scene until some of our newer, more reliable apparatus arrives. It's just a fact of life for small rural volunteer fire departments. We are so much better off than we were eight years ago it is not even funny. We are making progress and we will continue to make the best choices we can.

With the beetle kill increasing fire danger in our wildland urban interface areas and our increasing population, we are not in danger of losing our volunteer jobs.

Remember—

If we can't find you, we can't help you!

Make sure that your home or driveway is marked so that it can be easily identified both during the day and at night.

You can order an address sign from Lewis and Clark County Planning Department for only \$10. See the order form on page 4.

Albers Update

We wanted to let you know the progress that Lon Albers has made since our mailing earlier this summer. Lon was injured in April while riding horses with his daughter. The head injuries he suffered were severe and his recovery has been long and slow. He has been allowed back to work and he is slowly recovering his skills as a contractor as he works smaller, less taxing projects right now.

Lon was allowed back on light duty as a volunteer firefighter. He is allowed to help with certain tasks on scene and is allowed to drive a water tender. He is still striving to recover his ability to be on an interior attack crew and is patiently relearning the skills. His drive to fully recover has not diminished and we are still hopeful of a full recovery.

We want to thank you for the outpouring of support you showed for Lon and his family. The donations were overwhelming and continue to provide the safety net that Lon, his wife - Melinda, and their three children - Sierra, Zebulon, Staci needed. It is really nice to know that the people we serve care about our volunteers when they are in need. THANK YOU!



Water tender 6821 filling a fold-a-tank while engine 6813 suctions from the tank and sprays water from the monitor during our ISO evaluation.

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I also know unequivocally that the FireWise program works. I have seen it with my own eyes! If you like where you live, do something to preserve it. Fuel mitigation is the only way to protect the landscape around your house, around your neighborhood, and around your visible horizon.

If some company was trying to build a nuclear power plant in your backyard, you would be marching on Washington to protect your way of life. Here is something way more likely to happen, one lightning strike away, and way easier to prevent - what is stopping you?

Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department will be holding our next FireWise meeting Thursday, December 11, 2008, at our Station #2, 5290 York Road (across from the Lakeside Bar and Marina) at 7:00 pm. Sonny Stiger, a nationally renowned fire behavior analyst, will present a real world scenario of a wildland fire starting in our district on the corner of Ferry Drive and Tea Road on a typical August afternoon. Please come and learn just how little time you would have to evacuate, what the fire is likely to do, what it will look like in the neighborhood after the fire, and just how preventable it is.

If you like where you live, please do something to keep it that way! Come visit with us on December 11 at 7:00 pm, to see just how easy it is to preserve.

If you can't make the meeting, go to the www.firewise.org web site which features an interactive module providing you with questions on how to prepare your home for the wildfire season.

Kids' Page



Sparky and his family are sitting down for their holiday dinner. Color with your favorite colors and cut out on the line for a Christmas card for a friend. You can paste it onto a piece of colored construction paper to make it even nicer.



Here are some fun websites with fire prevention games, puzzles and projects:

Smoke Detectives—an interactive website for fire safety sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies, International Association of Fire Fighters, and International Association of Fire Chiefs. www.statefarm.com/learning/kid_stuff/indexyes.asp

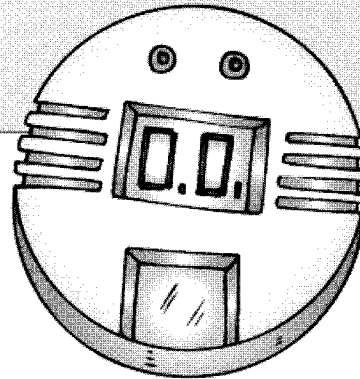
Sparky the Fire Dog—Sparky teaches about fire safety, including escape routes, and smoke alarms. Features games and coloring pages. www.sparky.org

USFA for Kids—(U.S. Fire Administration) Home Fire Safety · Escaping From Fire. Fun and Games. Crossword Puzzles. www.usfa.dhs.gov/kids/



Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO), often called the silent killer, is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels burn incompletely. Extremely high levels of poisoning can be fatal, causing death within minutes.



SAFETY TIPS

- Install CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Combination smoke and CO alarms must be installed in accordance with requirements for smoke alarms.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Only use barbecue grills — which can produce CO — outside.
- Use battery-powered lights in tents, trailers and motor homes and motor boats.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrives to assist you.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms.

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SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

In the last few months there has been an ongoing debate about which fire detector technology is best. There are many different brands of smoke alarms available on the market but they fall under two basic types: ionization and photoelectric.

Ionization alarms sound more quickly when a flaming, fast moving fire occurs. Photoelectric alarms are quicker at sensing smoldering, smoky fires. There are also combination smoke alarms that combine ionization and photoelectric into one unit, called dual sensor smoke alarms.

Because both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are better at detecting distinctly different yet potentially fatal fires, and because homeowners cannot predict what type of fire might start in a home, the USFA recommends the installation of both ionization and photoelectric or dual sensor smoke alarms.

In addition to the basic types of alarms, there are alarms made to meet the needs of people with hearing disabilities. These alarms may use strobe lights that flash and/or vibrate to assist in alerting those who are unable to hear standard smoke alarms when they sound.

There is one thing there is NO DEBATE about – SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES EVERY-DAY. Please install smoke alarms in your living areas and maintain them to keep them on duty every minute of every day.

Hello good neighbors,

I'm the volunteer fireman who was severely injured while riding horses with my father and daughter. I would like to heartfully thank the fire department volunteers and the medical community for helping my family and myself by responding to my home and providing medical aid and personal, physical and emotional support well beyond the normal level of community concern. I'm truly grateful for this community and the people who have shown us compassion at such an extensive level. I'm very proud to be a member of such a committed fire dept and hope I can return the kindness shown us so unselfishly in our time of need. This community should feel very fortunate to be surrounded by such a committed group of well trained volunteers who are committed to our health and safety.

I would like to thank every one for the many hospital visits that showed my family how committed this group of volunteers is to each other and the community in which we all live. Please remember this group of volunteers serves with an intense commitment to the community it serves. I hope you can feel my gratitude and respect for this group and their command staff. I will gladly discuss my positive experience with any one who wishes.

Thank you all so very much and please may God truly bless you personally,

Lon & Melinda Albers and family 458-0078

Chilling Facts

We have all heard the phrase “wind chill” and we know it means that cold weather will feel even colder—but what is the science behind wind chill and, more importantly, how does it affect the comfort and safety of our families.

According to Wikipedia, wind chill is the apparent temperature felt on exposed skin, which is a function of the air temperature and wind speed. The wind chill temperature (often popularly called the wind chill factor) is always lower than the air temperature, except at higher temperatures where wind chill is considered less important.

There is a thermal boundary layer of air surrounding the skin which may be several millimeters thick. This boundary layer acts as an insulator. When the wind is blowing on a cold day, the air feels colder because the wind blows away some of that boundary layer. The stronger the wind, the thinner the insulating layer that remains. Humans do not sense the temperature of the air but the temperature of the skin. Because skin temperature is closer to the air temperature when it is windy, the wind causes it to feel colder.

A wind-chill factor of 25° F (−4 °C) will not freeze water if the air temperature is 35° F (2 °C). Water changes state according to the temperature of the body of the water. In this case, the water and air temperature are about the same—too high to freeze water.

The concept of wind chill is of particular significance in very cold climates such as the Arctic and Antarctic, at high altitude, at high speeds, or in very high winds. In much of North America in winter, wind chill is forecast and reported by news media. To some degree, people make decisions as to how they will dress for outdoor activity, or whether they will take part in outdoor activity based on the wind chill. Schools use the wind chill forecast to decide whether to let students outside for recess or lunch in cold weather. Heart patients pay attention to the wind chill, to estimate the stress the weather might place on their circulatory systems to avoid problems. It is of great importance to the survival of humans and animals and can even affect some machinery and heating systems.

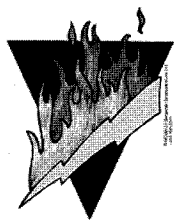


Most weather forecasts include the wind chill in cold weather. It is important to make note of that information if you plan to be, or may accidentally be, outside. Dress in layers. Avoid clothing which absorbs perspiration next to the skin. Small children are affected much more quickly by cold weather. They should be protected by extra layers. Elderly people, or anyone whose activity is restricted, will also be affected more quickly.

Use the chart below when determining the effect wind chill will have on you and your family.

Wind Chill	Description	Hazard
0 to -9	Low	Slight increase in discomfort
-10 to -24	Moderate	Uncomfortable Exposed skin feel cold Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods
-25 to -44	Cold	Risk of skin freezing (frostbite) Check face, fingers, toes, ears and nose for numbness or whiteness Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods
-45 to -59	Extreme	Exposed skin may freeze in minutes Check face, fingers, toes, ears and nose for numbness or whiteness Serious risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods Be ready to cut short or cancel outdoor activities
-60 or colder	Extreme	DANGER Outdoor conditions are hazardous Exposed skin may freeze in less than 2 minutes

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Fires can occur when lint builds up in a clothes dryer or in the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, cause excessive heat build-up, and result in a fire in some dryers.

Clean the lint screen/filter of your clothes dryer before or after drying each load of laundry. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct is blocked.

Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up. Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that about 4,700 residential fires originate in extension cords each year, killing 50 persons and injuring some 280 others.

Overheating of extension cords can occur at the plug, at the socket, or over the entire length of the cord. Hot plugs and sockets are often caused by deteriorated connections to the cord wires.

Overheating of the entire cord is usually caused by overloading (connecting appliances that need too many watts for the wire size of the cord). Many older extension cords

are made with small (No. 18 gauge) wire that can overheat at 15 or 20 amps.

If there is any sign of overheating, replace the extension cords with new ones having No. 16 or heavier gauge wire.

And, as always, take special care with Christmas trees and flammable decorations, candles, and temporary lighting.

Don't burn wrapping paper in a fireplace. Many papers are printed with ink containing lead and other noxious materials.

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